

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Bowe, Ethel Jessie

(1906 - 1961)

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<b>Born</b>	27 May, 1906, Maldon Victoria Australia
<b>Died</b>	13 October, 1961, Repatriation General Hospital Heidelberg Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Matron, Nurse, Servicewoman

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### Events

#### 1960 - 1960

Gave the eighth annual oration for the New South Wales College of Nursing

#### 2040 - 2042

Served in the Middle East

#### 1931 - 1931

Joined the Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve

#### 2041 - 2041

Appointed temporary matron

#### 2041 - 2041

Appointed matron

#### 2043 - 2043

Appointed deputy Matron-in-Chief

#### 2045 - 2045

Awarded Associate Royal Red Cross

#### 2045 - 2045

Appointed Principal Matron

#### 2045 - 2045

Based on Morotai Island in the South West Pacific

#### 1948 - 1948

Awarded the United States of America's Bronze Star for her services

#### 1946 - 1946

Appointed matron of the 115 Military (Repatriation General) Hospital, Heidelberg

#### 2047 - 2048

Appointed principal matron, Southern Command

#### 1930 - 1930

Completed midwifery training at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne

#### 1931 - 1935

Sister on staff at the Royal Melbourne Hospital



**1936 - 1939**

Sister tutor at the Perth Hospital, Western Australia

**2039 - 2039**

Appointed Sister in the Australian Army Nursing Service

**2040 - 2040**

Called up for service with the Australian Imperial Force

**2040 - 2040**

Posted senior sister of the 2/2 Australian General Hospital (AGH)

**2040 - 2040**

Served in England

**1927 - 1929**

Nursing training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital

**1950 - 1950**

Matron of the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg

**2051 - 2051**

Rejoined Australian Military Forces

**2052 - 2052**

Appointed matron-in-chief and granted the rank of honorary colonel

**1953 - 1953**

Awarded a Florence Nightingale medal

**2055 - 2055**

Awarded the Red Cross Medal

**2060 - 2060**

Appointed Officer to the Order of the British Empire

**1957 - 1957**

Appointed honorary nursing sister to Queen Elizabeth II

## Published resources

**Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 1950, Alexander, Joseph A, 1950

**Book**

From blue to khaki: The enlisted voluntary aids and others who became members of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service and served from 1942-1951, Mount-Batten, Betty J, 1995

Guns and brooches : Australian Army Nursing from the Boer War to the Gulf War, Bassett, Jan, 1992

Australian women at war, Adam-Smith, Patsy, 1984

**Resource Section**

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